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Extended Closure of Schoharie County Facilities Due To COVID-19 Pandemic

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Chairman of the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors, Bill Federice, has announced that **all county offices and facilities will remain closed to the public through May 15**. Citing conditions on the ground and the need for continued social distancing to protect both county employees and the public at large from the COVID-19 virus, this decision extends the original date of closure from March 31 to the new May 15 date.

Over the coming weeks the Board of Supervisors and COVID-19 Task Force will continue evaluating health risks related to the current pandemic and reassess the overall impact of closure of county facilities on health and safety. During this time, essential county operations will continue with the minimum of staffing required.

County officials continue to recommend those residents with COVID-19 related symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, contact their healthcare provider. The County also advises residents to take extreme caution by limiting public exposures as much as possible to help stop the spread of the virus and "flatten the curve."

County residents can contact the Bassett Triage Line for COVID-19 at 607-547-5555. For general questions about COVID-19, please call the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) 24/7 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

For COVID-19 related matters, Schoharie County has created a new email address dedicated to providing an additional method of communication for residents and employees. Email comments, questions, and other inquires to covid-19@co.schoharie.ny.us.

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